

COUNT DENOUNCES LAFAYETTE SAVAY

De La Fayette Says Organizer of Civic Alliance Can't Prove Descent.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The Count de la Fayette, great-grandson of General de la Fayette, has issued a denunciation through his attorney, Roy Mason, 71 Broadway, of N. Lafayette Savay, who has claimed to be the same ancestor. The count has been making a systematic effort to find a relationship between his great-grandfather and the American people, and his family tree does not disclose the existence of a Lafayette Savay among the descendants of General de la Fayette, who died in 1801, only seventy-five years ago.

"I have been asked many questions concerning the Civic Alliance, of which many persons imagined I was the organizer. I have no connection whatever with that society, which, I understand, was created by Lafayette Savay, who claims to be a great-grandson of General de la Fayette, and mentioned that relationship to several persons whom he visited."

At a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution in January he was introduced as a great-grandson of General de la Fayette, and in the 1909 issue of Who's Who, the relationship is mentioned.

Could Not Explain Claim. "When I asked Savay to explain his claim, he could not and when I wrote to him he did not answer. No one in my family knows of that relationship, and my family tree does not disclose the existence of a Lafayette Savay among the descendants of General de la Fayette, who died in 1801, only seventy-five years ago."

"Considering the high esteem in which the American people keep the memory of my ancestor, and considering, too, the innumerable courtesies I have received in this country on account of the name I have the honor to bear, I wish to have it distinctly understood that I have no connection with the Civic Alliance, and do not intend to interfere in its politics or general affairs of this country, nor would any other member of my family."

The count showed a copy of the letter he wrote to Lafayette Savay, which was in part: "With a genealogy of my family before my eyes, I cannot understand your claim. You will oblige me by making these things clear at your earliest convenience in order to permit me to answer my friends."

No Doubt About Count's Descent. As to his own claim of relationship with General de la Fayette, there can be no doubt. In 1902 he was the official representative of his family at the unveiling of the Lafayette statue in Washington, taking the place of his brother, who was unable to attend. He returned here last November and is now staying at the Hotel de Ville, but he has an office at 115 Broadway.

N. Lafayette Savay, who describes himself on his letter head as a "lawyer and publisher," has been active through his organization of the American Civic Alliance, in which he has interested some of the prominent persons in the country. The Alliance itself is a national institution for political study and research, and plans to "act as a center for the study of the people and the people."

Among its officers are Henry C. George, George Harvey, Bishop Greer and Mrs. Constance Greer, president of the American Daughters of the Revolution. Mrs. McLean presided at a reception tendered Mr. Savay last January.

Savay and the Count Meet. Mrs. McLean said that she could throw no light on the subject. "I have never had any proof of his relationship," she said last night. "Mr. Savay was introduced to me by a friend as the great-grandson of General de la Fayette, but I don't think he had any more evidence of the truth of that fact than I do. We both were taken into the family of a gentleman I can't say who I should wish to make out the relationship if it does not exist."

The only occasion when Lafayette Savay and the count have met was at the home of a prominent society woman in Fifth Avenue. The count had been arranged at the count's request.

"You two should be acquainted," said the hostess, leading Mr. Savay over to the count. "Since you are relatives."

"Indeed," said the Count de la Fayette, smiling, "I am not sure that I am a great-grandson of General de la Fayette, but I am sure that I am a great-grandson of General de la Fayette."

General de la Fayette had one son and two daughters. There were eleven grandchildren, so there should be no great difficulty in tracing his family, since he died only seventy-five years ago.

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Miss Edith Scott spent Sunday with Mrs. Truman A. Parker. Miss Lucy Mason recently visited the Misses Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller, of Richmond, and Mrs. Pennington, of South Carolina, were guests Monday at the home of Mrs. H. H. Ellington, of Richmond, is also a guest there for a few days.

Misses Juliet and Mary Talcott were guests last week of friends here. Miss Cringan was the guest last week of Mrs. D. A. Ainslie, who visited her sister, Mrs. Folk Miller, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Augusta C. Barfield recently visited Miss Beale Cook.

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